

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2014**

The audio file for this committee meeting can be found at:  
<http://www.cvag.org/minutes.htm>.



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 30, 2014 Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Don Adolph, City of La Quinta, at the La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Joseph De Coninck  
Mayor Kathleen De Rosa  
Mayor Pro Tem Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Adam Sanchez  
Mayor Ted Mertens  
Mayor Pro Tem Sam Torres  
Mayor Don Adolph  
Councilmember Jan Harnik  
Mayor Stephen Pougnet  
Mayor Iris Smotrich  
Supervisor Jeff Stone  
Supervisor John Benoit  
Supervisor Marion Ashley  
Tribal Vice Chair Larry Olinger

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> District  
County of Riverside 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas

**AGENCY**

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Greg Pettis  
David Garcia  
Wade McKinney  
Dan Martinez  
Frank Spevacek  
Rudy Acosta  
David Ready  
Randy Bynder  
Alex Gann

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City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Rancho Mirage  
County of Riverside

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Philip Bettencourt  
Nicole Criste

**AGENCY**

Terra Nova Planning and Design

Councilmember Douglas Hanson  
Vic Gainer  
Paul Harris  
George Hudson  
Jim Karpiak  
John Lieswyn  
Anna Martinez  
Barrett Newkirk  
Brian Rix  
Roger Snoble  
Linda Starr  
Karen Vitkay  
Josh Zipperman

City of Indian Wells  
Citizens Advisory Group  
Friends of CV Link  
Alta Planning & Design  
CV Mountains Conservancy  
Alta Planning & Design  
County of Riverside  
The Desert Sun  
Burke Rix Communication  
Consultant  
  
Alta Planning & Design  
Burke Rix Communication

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Allyn Waggle  
Gary Leong  
Katie Barrows  
Jim Sullivan  
Michael Shoberg  
Benjamin Druyon  
Lance Albrecht  
Joanna Stueckle

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Ashley led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR MERTENS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ASHLEY TO:**

- A. APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- B. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 14-003 ADOPTING CVAG'S EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS**
- C. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH TERRA NOVA PLANNING & RESEARCH, INC., FOR PHASE 3 OF GREEN FOR LIFE PROGRAM WITH CITY OF PALM DESERT, NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000; APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS CONSULTING, INC. FOR BENCHMARKING PROJECT UNDER PHASE 1 OF GREEN**

FOR LIFE PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$35,038; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO FINALIZE THESE AGREEMENTS AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM. MINOR CHANGES/REVISIONS FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES MAY BE MADE PRIOR TO EXECUTION BY CVAG'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MEMBERS DE CONINCK, DE ROSA, HERNANDEZ, SANCHEZ, MERTENS, TORRES, ADOLPH, HARNIK, SMOTRICH, STONE, ASHLEY, AND OLINGER VOTING AYE; AND MAYOR POUGNET AND SUPERVISOR BENOIT ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.

**D. Receive and File**

- 1) Status of I-10 Interchange Projects
- 2) CVAG Regional Arterial Program – Project Status Report
- 3) CV Link Status Report
- 4) Executive Committee/Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Roster
- 5) Letter to Senator Hueso Regarding the Compliance Period for Chromium-6 Standard

**THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AND FILED.**

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Approval of Major Amendment to include the City of Desert Hot Springs and Mission Springs Water District as Permittees under the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan – Katie Barrows**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ASHLEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK TO:**

- 1) **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-004, MAKING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN/NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN (“CVMSHCP”), WHICH ALSO INCLUDES CVAG’S APPROVAL OF THE CVMSHCP AS REVISED BY THE MAJOR AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT (IA), AND DIRECTS THAT A NOTICE OF DETERMINATION BE FILED.**
- 2) **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-005, ESTABLISHING THE CVMSHCP IMPLEMENTATION POLICY WHICH CONTAINS THE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CVMSHCP.**

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- B. Resolution No. 14-002 adopting CVAG's 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions – Gary Leong

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR DE ROSA AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR STONE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 14-002 ADOPTING CVAG'S 2014/2015 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MEMBERS DE CONINCK, DE ROSA, HERNANDEZ, SANCHEZ, MERTENS, TORRES, ADOLPH, HARNIK, SMOTRICH, STONE, ASHLEY, AND OLINGER VOTING AYE; AND MAYOR POUGNET AND SUPERVISOR BENOIT ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.

- C. Update on CV Link – Michael Shoberg

Brian Rix, Burke Rix Communications, gave members a presentation on the CV Link and the activities of the Citizens Advisory Group. Mr. Rix also distributed the draft Master Plan.

- D. 2014 Nomination Committee Recommendation – Tom Kirk

IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR STONE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR POUGNET TO RECOMMEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECT COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK, CITY OF PALM DESERT AS THE 2014/2015 CVAG CHAIR AND MAYOR KATHLEEN DEROSA, CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, AS THE 2014/2015 VICE CHAIR; AND IF AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, ONE OR BOTH OFFICERS EITHER LOSE THEIR SEAT ON THEIR CITY COUNCILS, OR CHOSE NOT TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION, THE 2014 NOMINATION COMMITTEE RECONVENE IN ORDER TO PREPARE A SECOND RECOMMENDATION AND, FURTHER, THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE 2014 NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S SECOND RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH MEMBERS DE CONINCK, DE ROSA, HERNANDEZ, SANCHEZ, MERTENS, TORRES, ADOLPH, HARNIK, SMOTRICH, POUTNET, STONE, BENOIT, ASHLEY, AND OLINGER VOTING AYE.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Adolph adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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